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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – LAPD Investigating Attack on Jewish Men as Possible Hate Crime

(U) The LAPD is investigating whether an attack on a group of Jewish men dining in the Beverly Grove neighborhood late Tuesday night was a possible hate crime committed by a pro-Palestinian group. Cell phone footage posted on social media reportedly showed a confrontation that occurred shortly before 10 p.m. outside Sushi Fumi on North La Cienega Boulevard. Witnesses stated that a caravan waving pro-Palestinian flags approached the restaurant, then a mob of men dressed in black physically attacked the group of Jewish diners sitting outside while yelling anti-Semitic slurs. One man said he was pepper-sprayed after defending the group and went to a hospital for care. Another eyewitness said about thirty men exited the vehicles “and started running toward the tables and asking indiscriminately, ‘Who’s Jewish?’”

SOURCE: 19 May 2021, [Daily Wire](#)

(U) San Diego – USCG Cutters Offload \$220M In Cocaine Seized in International Waters

(U) US Coast Guard (USCG) crews in San Diego on Wednesday offloaded an estimated 11,500-pounds of cocaine seized from international waters over the past two months. The drugs, worth roughly \$220 million in street value, were seized from four smuggling vessels that authorities stopped off the coasts of Mexico, Central America, and South America during April and May, according to the USCG. A dozen people were taken into custody during the interdictions and will be facing federal charges, officials said. The USCG cutters Active, Steadfast, and Tahoma made the interdictions. They were assisted by a network of other US agencies, including the US Navy, US Customs and Border Protection, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, US Drug Enforcement Administration, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. At least in some cases, the USCG said the drug busts were also carried out with “international partner agencies.”

SOURCE: 19 May 2021, [Fox 5 San Diego](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – One Dead, 11 Hospitalized in Suspected Smuggling Incident in La Jolla

(U) San Diego – Authorities say one person has died and up to 11 people were taken to the hospital during a rescue operation involving a suspected smuggling boat in La Jolla early Thursday. First responders were off the coast near Marine Street, where eight people reportedly jumped from a panga just after 5:30 a.m. and started swimming toward shore. Lifeguards say 15-18 people were in the panga, which kept going north and ended up at the Children’s Pool. A lifeguard spokesperson stated one person has died and 11 people were taken to the hospital following the rough water rescue. It is unclear how many people were pulled from the water.

SOURCE: 19 May 2021, [Fox 5 San Diego](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Sheriff’s Deputy Injured in Ambush Attack

(U) Lincoln County – A sheriff’s deputy was shot while responding to a report of a theft on Colorado’s eastern plains on Thursday and authorities were searching for the suspect. The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office says the deputy was “ambushed” and shot several times just after 3 a.m. The deputy called for

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help and numerous agencies responded, the sheriff's office said. The sheriff's office said the deputy was taken to a hospital, but no details have been released about the deputy's condition. A 62- stretch of US Highway 40/287 from Limon to Kit Carson has been shut down as authorities search for the shooter.

SOURCE: 19 May 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Florida – FBI Arrests Alleged US Capitol Rioter Who Bragged About Pushing Cops Down Staircase

(U) Jacksonville – Federal authorities arrested a Florida man Tuesday for breaching the US Capitol building on 6 January, accusing him of shoving police officers and then boasting about his confrontations in an Instagram video, the latest in a string of people who have been charged with participating in the riot after openly bragging about it on social media. The FBI arrested Daniel Paul Gray, 41, and charged him with assaulting police, violent entry, obstructing law enforcement, and several other offenses. The FBI says police body camera footage shows Gray, who's from the Jacksonville area, trying to shove past members of the US Capitol Police and DC Metropolitan Police in the Capitol Rotunda, at one point grabbing an officer's baton and pushing her around.

SOURCE: 19 May 2021, [Forbes](#)

(U) Michigan – Leader of White Supremacist Group 'The Base' to Remain Jailed Without Bond

(U) Denver – The self-proclaimed leader of a Michigan-based white supremacist group, The Base, will remain in jail as the case against him progresses. Bond was recently revoked for Justen Watkins, 25, of Bad Axe, after District Court Judge Cedric Simpson discovered new criminal charges were filed against him in Huron County, which violated his bond. Citing the bond violations, the lack of a permanent residence Watkins would be staying at, as well as difficulties in ensuring he would have no contact with the hate group, Simpson declined to reinstate bond at a hearing on 17 May.

SOURCE: 20 May 2021, [MLive](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Three Organizations Banned, Accused off Financially Supporting Hezbollah in Lebanon

(U) Berlin – Germany's interior ministry has outlawed three organizations accused of collecting money for the Iran-backed militant movement Hezbollah in Lebanon. Bans against German Lebanese Family, People for Peace, and Give Peace came into effect on Wednesday, but had already been pronounced in mid-April. Police also conducted morning raids at locations across seven German states, including Hamburg, North Rhine-Westphalia, Hesse, and Rhineland Palatinate. Authorities believe the three groups collected donations for "martyr families" in Lebanon, including families of those who died in Hezbollah attacks.

SOURCE: 19 May 2021, [DW](#)

(U) Nigeria – Nigeria Boko Haram Leader Badly Wounded in Clash with Rival Insurgent Group

(U) Abuja – Nigerian Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau has been seriously wounded after trying to kill himself to avoid capture during clashes with rival Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS)-allied jihadists in the north of the country, two intelligence sources said today. Shekau's Boko Haram faction and fighters from the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) had been battling in northeastern Borno state, where ISWAP militants have become the dominant force in Nigeria's more than decade-long jihadist insurgency. Shekau, who made international headlines when his men kidnapped nearly 300 schoolgirls in Chibok in 2014, has been reported dead several times since Boko Haram first began its insurgency in 2009.

SOURCE: 20 May 2021, [Associated Foreign Press](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Five Arrested in Right-Wing Terror Raids Across England and Wales

(U) Keighly – Five people, including a 16-year-old boy, have been arrested on suspicion of right-wing terrorism offences. Officers carried out a series of raids in Keighley, in West Yorkshire, Swindon, and

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Anglesey in Wales. Following the arrests, bomb disposal experts were called to a property in Keighley after officers discovered "potentially suspicious material." A cordon has been put in place around the property and a number of nearby homes have been evacuated, police said. Counter Terrorism Policing North East (CTPNE) said two men, aged 29 and 30, and a 28-year-old woman have been arrested in Keighley on suspicion of being concerned in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

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